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BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEMS

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October 21, 1998

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1, line 4, after "bit" insert --rate--;

line 7, change "a" to --an encoder--;

line 12, before "buffer" insert --encoder--.

Claim 5, line 9, after "encoder" insert --stage--.